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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NOTIFICATION

No. 549 L.A. Dated 18th April 1975

The following Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly on 18th April, 1975.

THE KARNATAKA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING (REGULATION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1975.

(L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1975)

A Bill further to amend the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966 (Karnataka Act 27 of 1966) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Amendment Act, 1975.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Substitution of new section for section 65.*—For section 65 of the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966 (Karnataka Act 27 of 1966), the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"65. *Levy of market fees.*—(1) The market committee shall levy and collect market fees from every seller in respect of agricultural produce sold by such seller in the market area at the rate of one rupees per one hundred rupees of the price of such produce sold.

(2) The market committee shall levy and collect market fees from every buyer in respect of agricultural produce bought by such buyer in the market area, at such rate as may be specified in the bye-laws (which shall not be more than one rupee per one hundred rupees of such produce bought) in such manner and at such times as may be specified in the bye-laws.

(3) Every market committee shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, credit to the Karnataka Roads and Bridges Fund constituted under the Karnataka Motor Vehivles Taxation Act, 1957, the market fees collected under sub-section (1) for being spent for the purpose of construction, repair, improvement and maintenance of rural roads in the State."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

There has been an incessant and continuous demand from within and outside the Legislature to provide adequate communication facilities to all the villages in the State in order that the agriculturists may better utilise the facilities of regulated markets provided under the Act. Inspite of *ad-hoc* arrangements made from time to time, it has not been possible to fully meet the said demand for roads in rural areas, due mainly to lack of regulated flow of funds for the purpose. It is therefore considered necessary to provide for levy of a market fee on the sellers also and utilise the proceeds for the development of Rural Roads. Hence this Bill.

R. D. KITTUR

TE. HANUMANTHAPPA,
Secretary.

ANNEXURE

Extract from the Mysore Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1966.

65. *Levy of market fees.*—(1) The market committee shall levy and collect market fees from the buyer in respect of agricultural produce bought by,—

(i) any trader or other person in the yard; and

(ii) any trader outside the market or sub-market in the market area.

at suuch rate as may be specified in the bye-laws (which shall not be more than one rupee per one hundred rupees of the price of the agricultural produce) in such manner and at such times as may be specified in the bye-laws.

(2) For purposes of sub-section (1), all notified agricultural produce leaving a yard shall unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to have been bought within such yard by the person in possession of such produce.

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